



PDC NEWS

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Election of Officers

Commissioner **Earl Tilly** of Wenatchee was elected chair of the Public Disclosure Commission to succeed current chair **Mike Connelly** of Spokane effective July 1. Commissioner **Jane Noland** from Seattle, the current Secretary, was elected vice-chair and **Bill Brumsickle** from Centralia was elected the new secretary. Connelly will continue to serve as a member of the Commission until his term expires December 31, 2006. **Ken Schellberg** of Bellingham remains a member.

Enforcement

The Commission accepted two stipulated agreements from the **Washington State Democratic Central Committee (WSDCC)** who agreed to pay \$187,500 in civil penalties for campaign finance violations. The WSDCC stipulated to a penalty of \$85,000 for failing to 1) timely report contributor information for \$394,543 it transferred to its state account from its federal account shortly before the 2004 General Election and 2) timely report debts and obligations totaling \$704,815. In a separate agreement, WSDCC agreed to the reinstatement of a \$100,000 suspended penalty from 2002. The WSDCC was penalized \$250,000 in 2002 for failing to timely disclose the source of \$5.93 million in contributions. WSDCC also agreed to pay \$2,500 for the PDC's investigation costs and attorney fees.

The **American Cancer Society, NW States, Great West Division** stipulated to violations and a penalty of \$7,500 with \$4,000 suspended for failing to timely report expenses and contributions received for a 2004 grass roots lobbying campaign that supported legislation banning or restricting smoking in public places, and for failing to timely report contributions to a statewide initiative campaign.

Electronic filing Waivers

The Commission denied an exception from electronic filing requested by **Les Thomas**, a candidate for Kent City Council.

Reporting Modifications

The Commission granted a reporting modification to **Donald Anderson**, a candidate for state representative in the 28th Legislative District, who requested an exemption from reporting the business and governmental customers of Tacoma Goodwill Industries where he is the volunteer President and a board member, and of CBM Systems, Inc. where he is a board member.

The Commission also granted a modification to **Deborah Ehrlichman**, a candidate for the Shoreline School District, who requested an exemption from reporting all business and governmental customers of the law firm Dorsey & Whitney, LLP, where her spouse is a partner.

Reporting modifications with no change were granted to the following individuals:

Bruce Allen, Director, Highland School District
William W. Baker, Judge, Division 1 Court of Appeals

Richard R. Baldwin, Director, Northshore School District
William H. Gates, Regent, University of Washington
Sarah “Sally” Jewell, Regent, University of Washington
Richard A. Jones, Judge, King Co Superior Court
Leslie D. Jones, Trustee, Central Washington University
Michael Kelley, Sr., Mayor, City of Fife
Dan Kristiansen, State Representative, 39th Legislative District
Karen E. Lane, Trustee, Evergreen State College
Kristine M. Mikkelsen, Trustee, Eastern Washington University
Linda Owings-Rosenburgh, County Assessor, Clallam County
Jay A. Reich, Trustee, Central Washington University
William D. Ruckelshaus, Chairman, Salmon Recovery Board
Mark Thompson, Commissioner, Black Lake Fire Protection District 5
Grace T. Yuan, Trustee, Western Washington University

Advisory Matters

The Commission adopted **P, PP, and Prog** as the official abbreviations of the Progressive Party of Washington and approved a moose with antlers as the party’s official logo.

The Commission meeting materials may be found at www.pdc.wa.gov under **Commission Meetings** at **Meeting Agendas and Materials**. For additional information concerning these issues contact Lori Anderson, Acting Communications & Training Officer, at (360) 664-2737, toll free 1-877-601-2828 or e-mail at landerson@pdc.wa.gov.